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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Applicant: Carter et al.  
Application Number: 08/779,457  
Filing Date: January 7, 1997  
Title: METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING  
ANTIBODIES THAT DECREASE  
BODY WEIGHT, FAT-DEPOT  
WEIGHT OR FOOD INTAKE IN AN  
OBESE ANIMAL  
Examiner Name: M. Belyavskyi  
Group Art Unit: 1644

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

- (X) Enclosed:  
(X) Amendment after RCE in 7 pages.  
(X) Declaration by Andrew N. Merickel, Ph.D.  
(X) Return Postcard

2. Miscellaneous:

- () Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months).

3. Fees:

- (X) RCE fee (\$375 small entity/\$750 large entity)

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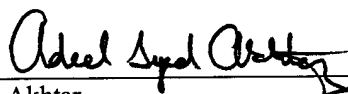
(X) Check in the amount of \$750 to cover the above fees.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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AMENDMENT AFTER RCE

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Dear Sir:

The present paper is being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination and is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 7, 2003.